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Sir,

AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 30, 2006 AND ADVISORY ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 30, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated September 12, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the following amendments to the above-identified application as follows. The changes made are shown by underlining the added text and striking through the deleted text in bold.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.